## SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS WORKSHOP MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Freeholders present at 5:30 start time: Acton, Laury, Cross, and Vanderslice, followed at 5:34 by Freeholders Timberman and Bobbitt, and at 5:37 by Freeholder Ware.

Director Acton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the notice of Open Public Meeting requirements.

Dr. James Turk made the first presentation explaining his role with the Cultural and Heritage Commission. He further outlined some of the projects that his office is undertaking, the grants that he has applied for, and other activities. He also noted the successful marketing campaign conducted to "sell" the wonders of Salem County across the region. He noted that tourist revenue within the County is up 14.6 million over four years ago, and that our website had 641,000 visitors last year.

John Snyder-Tax Administrator for the County of Salem. John explained how the tax rate is derived, and also explained tax ratio and equalization. He explained that the approximate value of the penny for 2012 will be \$558,523.81.

David Lee-Agricultural Agent-David explained that the County of Salem is first in the State of agriculture on many fronts. From the production of crops to milk, Salem County leads in every category. He stated that all employees within his department are grant funded.

Doris Isaacs-represented Super Superintendent Bob Bumpus-she noted that her department had four employees and that Mr. Bumpus would soon be representing five counties in the southern region.

Ken Miller-Adjuster-Ken spoke about the parameters of his office, which he is in charge of seeing mentally challenged adults placed in custodial care. The cost per year is unpredictable. His office is also in charge of indigent burials.

The meeting recessed at 6:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage

Clerk of the Board